



My Ref: FOI/ 4684
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

How many illegal immigrants (AKA 'refugees') has Barnsley MBC received since 2010?

The term 'illegal immigrant' is used to describe a cohort of migrants who enter the UK via the English Channel in small boat crossings. On arrival asylum is claimed, the claimant remains an 'asylum seeker' until a decision is made by the Home Office as to whether they can remain, or not. If leave to remain is granted, the asylum seeker then has 'refugee status', however, the method of entry into the Country is not disclosed. This means there is no way of calculating how many refugees originally arrived as an illegal migrant.

Has Barnsley Council's budget been used for any associated costs incurred by the receiving and settling of refugees in the area (ie extra to central government funds)?

No

If so, how much extra has been spent? N/A

What nationalities have been settled here as a percentage of total number of refugees received into the borough, e.g. Afghani 10%, Syrian 5% How many reports of crimes have been received by S. Yorkshire Police, or how many crimes are the council aware of relating to refugees?

Data relating to the nationalities of refugees can be found here: [Refugee and asylum seeker dashboard | Migration Yorkshire](#)

The highest number of refugees in the UK come from Afghanistan and Syria. A local authority breakdown of numbers is not available.

Please redirect any requests for crime statistics to South Yorkshire Police.

How many incidents of sexual abuse or rape have occurred in or around centres where refugees have been housed?

BMBC does not hold this information. Please redirect to South Yorkshire Police.

Does the council currently run or have financial responsibility for any centres, hotels or HMOs in the borough and how many refugees are being housed there?

No

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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